

Proceedings

—OF THE—

FORTY-THRD ANNIVERSARY

—OF THE—

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Liberty Baptist Church,

September, 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1895.

Time and place of next meeting: On Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in September, 1896, with Boughfala Baptist Church, 8 miles East of Tupelo.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Eld. J. C. Gillentine, Abney, Miss. Moderator.
Steve H. Turner, Mantachie, Miss. Clerk.
J. M. Armstrong, Evergreen, Miss. Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL BOARD.

Eld. W. J. Thomas, W. C. Abney Miss.
Eld. J. J. Turner, P. Mantachie, Miss.
Eld. w. H. Moore, P. Richmondlee, Miss.
Eld. S. S. Houston, P. Kirkville, Miss.
Eld. w. A. Reynolds, P. Mantachie, Miss.

MINUTES.

The Forty-third Session of the Judson Baptist Association convened with Liberty Church September the 5th, 1895

Eld J M Goolsby preached the annual sermon. Text : Mathew, 28th chapter, 18 and 20th verses. A recess of one hour was then taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1 o'clock by singing. The Monerator read 34th Psalm, prayer by Eld W H Moore. Eld J L Furguson and J S Howerton were appointed reading clerks. After reading letters from ten churches, went into an election for permanent organization, Eld J L Furguson and Bro. J L Springer acting as tellers. Result :

Eld J C Gillentine, Moderator; Steve H Turner, Clerk; J M Armstrong, Treasurer.

By motion adopt the same order of business as last year. The following committees were appointed, to-wit :

On Devotion—A E Gregory, T Powel and H W Gotcher together with the Deacons of this Church.

On Missions—J S Howerton and Henry Gregory.

On Obituaries—L B Gandy and J L Bailey.

On Finance—J A Williams, J A Martin and J M Armstrong.

On Ministerial Education—R S Thomas and G W Baldwin.

On Temperance—J A Williams and W M Gardner.

On State of Religion—P J Mattox and D Riding.

On Baptist Institutions—W H Moore and R T Brown.

On Literature—J S Howerton and J T L Brown.

On Documents—A E Gregory, W H Mingo.

On Music—W M Gardner and J L Bailey.

On Sunday Schools—James Gregory and I. B Gandy.

On Resolutions—J M Armstrong and H W Gotcher.

Elds J L Furguson and J M Goolsby were received as correspondents from the Aberdeen Association.

Devotional committee report that Eld W H Moore preach at 11 A. M. tomorrow. By motion adjourn to 8 A. M. tomorrow. Benediction by J M Goolsby

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 6TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Mnderator read the 13 first verses of the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro L B Gandy. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. The letters from Evergreen and Richmond were handed in and read and names of delegates enrolled. By motion elect our Executive Board by acclamation. Brethren J M Armstrong, J A Williams, J L Baily, Henry Gregory and S H Turner were elected as the board. The following correspondents were appointed. To Tombigbee, S H Turner, J C Gillentine and J W Morgan; to the Aberdeen, T. Powel, J D Coggins and J M Armstrong; to the West Judson, J A Martin, J C Gillentine, W M Gardner, S H. Turner, T Powel and J L Bailey; to State Convention, Eld J C Gillentine and J M Armstrong; to Southern Baptist onvention, Eld J C Gil-

lentine with J M Armstrong, alternate.

Brethren R S Thomas, P J Mattox, James Gregory, S H Turner and Eld S S Houston were elected as the Sunday School board. Boughtala was elected as the place for next Association, and Eld W H Moore was selected to preach the annual sermon, with Eld J C Gillentine, alt

Missions.

Bro J S Howerton read the following report on Missions. Since a Missionary is one who is sent and Jesus Christ our Savior, was sent into the world to seek and save the lost, therefore, he is our Chief and Great missionary. He organized his church and said, "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature." This great command comes from the head of our Church and we his followers understand it to be our duty to contribute to the support of his ministers that He has previously chosen to bear the great tiding to a lost and condemned world. We realize that the churches of our association are not doing their duty in regard to the support of its ministry, we therefore recommend that each and every one of us do our utmost to awaken them to their duty. The Association then adjourned to 1 o'clock. Owing to a burial which occurred at preaching hour, Eld Moore did not preach.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Bro J C Lawhorn, at this point the letter from Oak Grove was handed in, read and names of delegates enrolled.

Bro R S Thomas offered the following resolution, to-wit: Resolved that in consideration of his long, continued, faithful and efficient service in his Master's cause, we hereby confer honorary membership in this body on Eld W J Thomas, and set aside twenty-five dollars per year of the Associational Mission fund to recompense him for such service as he may perform, which was adopted. Also the following: Whereas, the Convention having requested that the Judson Association contribute one hundred and twenty-five dollars for missionary purposes. Viz: State Mission \$63.00. Foreign Mission \$37.00, and Home Mission \$25.00. Therefore, be it resolved, that a committee of one from each church be appointed to prorata said amount among the churches of Association, in accordance to the ability of to pay, and earnestly request the payment of said amounts. Which was adopted.

Literature.

Bro. J. S. Howerton presented and read the following report on Literature, to-wit: First of all we recommend that the Baptist of this Association read and study the inspired Word of God. We further recommend to them our State papers, The Baptist Layman and Baptist Record, also Ford's Christian Repository, of St. Louis, Mo., and The Baptist and Reflector, of Nashville, Tenn., and any other sound Baptist literature. For Sunday Schools, the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sunday Schools.

Bro James Gregory presented and read the following report on Sunday Schools, to-wit: We find from the reading of the letters from the church, the

the interest in Sunday School work is not as good as it has been heretofore. Every church needs a Sunday school, it presents such great opportunities for studying the word of God and learning, this will concern us. We recommend that each Pastor do his utmost to work up the Sunday school interest in all his churches. We recommend to the Sunday schools that they select as teachers men and women that know how, as well as what to teach. Which was adopted.

Devotional committee report that Eld J C Gillentine preach at 11 A. M. tomorrow.

State of Religion.

Bro P J Mattox presented the following report on the State of Religion in our Association, to-wit: We conclude from the reading of the letters, and from our own observation, that the state of religion in our Association is on the increase, and has been during this associational year. Dear Brethren let us continue to pray that the cause of our Master may continue to increase in all the earth. Which was adopted.

Baptist Institutions.

Eld W H Moore presented the following on Baptist Institutions, viz: We have a number of Baptist schools recommended by our papers for the Education of our boys and girls, but we do especially recommend to our people Mississippi College for our boys, and Blue Mountain Female college for our girls.

Which was adopted.

Documents.

Bro A E Gregory presented the following report on Documents, viz: We find that the Union of the First district meets on thursday before the 3rd Lord's day in August, 1896, with the church at Pleasant Hill. Eld J J Turner to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld S S Houston, alt. Subjects and persons to write:

1st. Does the word "with" in connection with Baptism imply sprinkling?—C A Gillentine.

2nd. Scriptural evidence of pardon.—S H Turner, J W Morgan.

3rd. Does the Spirit operate independent of the written or preached Word?—J W Morris.

4th. Should Baptist use in the pulpit King James' version of the Bible?—J S Howerton.

5th. A church preferring charges, and sustaining them against a regular minister, excluding him, can another church of the same faith and order restore his ordination?—Eld J J Turner.

We find that Union of the Second district meets with church at Richmond on Thursday before the 1st Lord's day in August 1896. Introductory sermon by L B Gandy, Eld W H Moore, alt.

Subjects and persons to write:

1st. What did the Savior mean by the Parable of "leaven hid in the meal, Mathew 13 chapt. and 33 verse?"—Eld J C Gillentine.

2nd. What is meant by the total depravity of man?—J A Williams

What has been accomplished through the Bible for the world of mankind?—W H Moore.

4th. When will the will of God be done on earth as it is in Heaven, as it is given in the disciples pray in Mathew?—P J Mattox.

5th. What is it for a church to be Scripturally disciplined?—L B Gandy.

Which was adopted. By motion adjourn to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Dismissing prayer by Bro R S Thomas.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 7TH.

The Association came together pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read the 168 Psalm, prayer by Eld J L Furguson. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. At this time the following committee was announced to prorocate the amount asked by the Board, among the churches: For Boughfala, Henry Gregory; Fellowship, W M Gardner; Friendship, J A Martin; Macedona, T Powel; Mantachie, S H Turner; Mt. Vernor, James Gregory; Oak Grove, W H Leigh; Oak Hill, J L Bailey; Pleasant Hill, G W Baldwin, Shiloh, W H Mingo; Unity, J A Williams; Bethel, W H Gotcher; Center Hill, L B Gandy; Evergreen, J M Armstrong; Hopewell, J C Gillentine; Liberty, D Ridings; Plantersville, R S Thomas; Richmond, P J Mattox; Union Hill, A L Hill.

Obituaries.

Bro J I. Baily presented the following report on obituaries, for L B Gandy: Our loss by death as follows, Boughfala; Bro E Casor and sister Ellen Erwin. M A Lyle, Della Ballard. Hopewell, sister Onie Little, died March 28, 1895, sister E Sheffield, died March, 7, 1895. Bethel, sister Sarah J Clayton. Evergreen, Bro S D Stegall, died Feb 19, 1895, sister Lorena Marshall, died Mar. 26, 1895. Richmond, Bro J H Springer. Pleasant Hill, Bro A J Doty and J J Turrer. Friendship, sisters Eivie Long, Ida Carter and Bro H M Hopkins. Mantachie, sister M C Meritt, died Sept. 13, 1894, sister Matilda Armstrong, died Aug. 26, 1895. Oak Grove, sister Riler Grissom. After some remarks adopted.

Ministerial Education.

Bro R S Thomas presented the following report on Ministerial Education, to-wit: We think a liberal education one of the essential qualification to a successful ministry. We do not claim that it is actually essential that all should have the benefit of a thorough collegiate or seminary course, yet we see the many benefits acquired by privileges, chief of which is their ability to translate the original language for himself, thereby being the better able to refute false doctrine and contend more efficiently for the true. Yet we realize that in building an edifice a good architect aided by a few master workmen can successfully use less skilled labor—provided these are honest and loyal to the interest of their chief. So in Spiritual building, though one may be deprived of the privilege of a classical course, if a loyal devotee to the cause of Christ, cultured in the christian graces, Faith, Hope and Charity, we find in such an one a useful and proper one to assist in the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, &c." Which was adopted.

Eld J C Gillentine made the following report for the committee on apportionment, to-wit:

Churches.	For'gn	Home.	State.	Total	Churches	For'gn.	Home.	State.	Total
Boughfala,	\$2.65	\$1.40	\$3.85	\$7.95	Pleasant Hill,	\$2.40	\$1.60	\$3.96	\$7.90
Fellowship,	.90	.70	1.85	3.45	Unity,	1.05	.85	1.85	3.75
Friendship,	2.40	1.50	3.80	7.70	Bethel,	2.40	2.00	3.80	8.20
Macedonia,	.50	.30	.20	2.00	Center Hill,	2.90	1.80	4.00	8.70
Mantachie,	2.65	1.60	4.35	8.60	Evergreen,	1.80	1.40	3.80	7.00
Oak Grove,	2.40	1.50	3.80	7.70	Hopewell,	2.40	1.50	3.80	7.70
Mt. Vernon,	1.90	1.40	3.75	7.05	Liberty,	1.80	1.40	3.80	7.00
Oak Hill,	.40	.20	1.40	2.00	Plantersville,	2.30	2.20	4.65	10.75
Shiloh,	1.05	.85	1.85	3.75	Union Hill,	1.80	1.40	3.80	7.00
					Richmond,	2.30	1.40	3.80	7.50

Which was adopted.

Bro R S Thomas offered the following resolution, to-wit: Resolved, that clerk of each church be requested to include in his letter to the Association annually, the amount contributed for all purposes, the value of church property, the amount expended in repairing said property; also the amount promised its pastor as salary the year previous, and the amount actually paid. Adopted.

By motion adjourn for preaching. Benediction by Eld J L. Ferguson.

During recess Eld J C Gillentine preached an interesting sermon to a large and orderly congregation, from texts: 1st Mathew, 6th chapt. and 10th verse. 2nd. 1st Corinthians, 15th chapt. 24th and 28th verses. 3rd. Revelations, 17th chapt. and 4th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1:25 o'clock. Devotional Committee report that Eld J M Goolsby preach to night and Eld J W Randolph tomorrow at 11 A. M.

Music.

Bro W M Gardner presented the following report on Music, to-wit: Separate from the preaching of the Gospel, there is nothing that redounds more to the glory of our Divine Father than the singing of Scriptural hymns. We are commanded in Holy writings to sing and make melody in our hearts to God. We recommend as church music, The Evergreen Hymns or any other good sound Baptist hymns. For congregation and Sunday school music, The revised Choir, and the Class Choir and Congregation. Which was adopted.

Eld Randolph was received as correspondent from the Sipsie Association.

Temperance.

Bro. J A Williams presented the following report on Temperance, to-wit: We find that Scriptures teaches us to be temperate in all things. The every idea of temperance leads our minds to the facts, that we are not to indulge in any thing, that will be detrimental to our bodily or spiritual interest. Then we ought not to eat anything that will make us sick, if we do the body will suffer. We ought not to drink anything that is calculated to destroy our sense of reason and right toward our God and man, thereby injuring our spiritual influence. Most especially let us exclude from our mouths the intoxicating cup. Let us teach our children the evil of using spiritual liquors.

Which was adopted.

Finance

Bro. J. A. Williams presented the following report on Finance, viz: Boughfala \$1.50 for minutes. Friendship, \$2.15 for minutes. Mantachie \$105 for minutes. Oak Grove 25c for Associational mission and 65 cents for minutes. Pleasant Hill \$1.50 for Associational mission and \$1.50 for minutes. Bethel \$1.55 for minutes. Center Hill \$13.30 for Foreign mission and \$1.25 for minutes. Evergreen \$1.20 for minutes. Hopewell \$1.05 for minutes. Liberty 60c for minutes. Plantersville \$2.00 for Foreign, \$6.00 for Home and \$4.00 for State missions, \$1.75 for minutes. Richmond \$1.65 for Associational mission and \$1.20 for minutes. Union Hill, \$1.50 for Associational, 20c for Foreign mission and \$1.15 for minutes. Which was adopted.

Bro J M Armstrong presented the following for the Executive Committee, viz: We have received from the churches for mission as follows:

	Associational.	Foreign.
Boughfala.....	\$1.00	
Bethel.....	1.92	
Hope Well.....	4.35	\$2.10
Oak Grove.....		.10
Shiloh.....	.40	.05
Evergreen.....	1.00	
Friendship.....	.15	
Unity.....	1.00	
Public collection..	2.76	2.76
Total, \$	12.58	\$ 5.01—Grand total \$17.59

Which was adopt.

Bro J M Armstrong made the following report as Treasurer of Association:

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSTMENTS.
Amt. on hand from last year, \$ 71.03	Amt. Foreign mission paid out \$19.00
From Ex. Com. Ass'l mission 12.58	State Mission paid out 2.00
From " Foreign mission 5.01	By Amt paid J. A. McCully 5.00
From Finance Com. Assn'l 4.90	By Home S B C 3.00
From " " Foreign 15.50	
From " " Home S B C 6.00	
From " " State 4.00	
From " " Minute fund 16.60	By Error 14.25
\$135.62	\$ 43.25
Balance on hand..... 92.37.	

Which was received as correct. Bro R S Thomas offered the following resolution: whereas, as this body feels that in after life many will revert with pleasure to the many tokens of kindness extended to us by members of Liberty church and others of the community, and we hereby tender our thanks to them for the same. Adopted.

The clerk was instructed to have 300 copies of the Minutes printed and reserve the remainder of the fund for his service. After singing and taking the parting hand the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Boughfala on Thursday before Second Lord's day in September 1896.

Eld. J. C. GILLENTINE, Moderator.
STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk.

P. S. I have received from Unity 30c and from Mt. Vernon 50c for minutes since the Association. I received at the Association after the report was made, from Evergreen 25c, Hopewell 5c, Union Hill 25c, for minutes. CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	POST OFFICE	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Membership	Total	Days of meeting
Boughfala.	W H Moore	Henry Gregory, A E Gregory	Mooreville	5	1		9	4	20	91	4	
*Fellowship.	S S Houston	J S Howerton, J L Bailey, J A Martin	Saltito	3	4	1	6	3	2	63	3	
*Friendship.	J C Gillentine	S H Turner.	Guntown	7	3		3	1		79	3	
*Macedonia.	J J Turner	W H Leigh	Tupelo	1			1	1		17	3	
*Mantachie.	W A Reynolds		Mantachie	1			1	1		82	3	
Mt. Vernon.			Ita	1			1	1		70	1	
Oak Grove.			Ratlift	1			1	1		120	1	
Oak Hill.										13	1	
Pleasant Hill.	S W Price	G W Baldwin, W M Gardner	Tupelo	4	8		2	3		57	1	
*Shilob.	J J Turner		Kirkville							26	3	
Unity	J C Gillentine		Longville				5	1	15	40	3	
Bethel.	J L Furguson	James Gregory, W H Gotcher	Ballardsville	1	2					108	2	
Center Hill.	W H Moore	L B Gady, T Powell	Plantersville	1	3					67	4	
Evergreen.	J C Gillentine	W H Moore, J C Nabers	Evergreen	3	1		2	2		30	1	
Hopewell.	J M Goolsby	J C Gillentine	Abney	11	3		5	2	1	148	4	
Liberty.	J L Furguson	D Ridings, J T L Brown, B T Brown	Bigby Fork	6	2		2	2		63	1	
Plantersville.	W H Moore	R S Thomas	Plantersville	1	3		4	2		39	2	
Richmond.		P J Mattox, L B Lesley	Richmondlee	1	3		8	1		57	3	
Union Hill.	J L Furguson	J D Coggins, A L Hinn, W H Moore	Nettleton	3			1	1		51	3	

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